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For: **DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPY OF EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS
IN AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R.

1.136(a) applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on June 24, 1998, in the above-identified application be extended for three months, to and including December 24, 1998. The appropriate fee for this extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 of \$435.00 for a small entity accompanies this petition together with applicants response.

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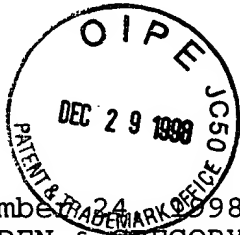
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If this fee is insufficient, please charge our Deposit Order Account No. 01-2507. To facilitate this process, applicants have enclosed a duplicate of this document.

Respectfully submitted,



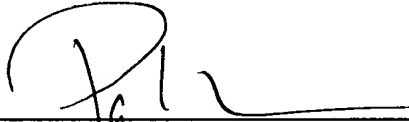
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this Petition for Extension of Time, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: December 24, 1998


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